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### Mexican Savages.

The Hague War Regulations as to the treatment of prisoners of war state the practice of civilized nations:

"Prisoners of war are in the power of the hostile Government, but not in that of the individuals or corps who captured them. They must be humanely treated. All their personal belongings, except arms, horses and military papers, remain their personal property."

The Federal and the so-called Constitutionalist forces have a simpler rule. Death, with sometimes the privilege of digging their own graves, is the law of the vanquished. Often a private soldier of the conqueror on any field or after any siege gives the quietus to a squad of prisoners. A "victory" is followed relentlessly by the murder of the soldiers of the other side who cannot make their involved will result in covering up the escape. There are no laws of war in the Mexican campaign. Santo Domingo or Hayti in its worst days of savage massacre was not bloodier or more brutal than those "patriots" to the south.

Other diversions worthy of old Dahomey, violence to women, slaughter of noncombatants, torture, mutilation, are reported in sickening numbers, os. pecially in that part of Mexico that enjoys the virtuous activity of CARRANZA the benevolent old gentleman who proposes to execute everybody who adheres to his rival HUERTA. Only disgust and horror can accompany the "victories" of these bloodthirsty banditti. The civilization of the twentleth century is ashamed before this revival of the cruellest barbarities and butcheries of wars of extermination. How long will the civilized world stand for these monstrous inhumanities?

## Put Him Out.

Why should Mayor KLINE wait "until next week" before filling the place of Park Commissioner Stover? Mr. STOVER put on his hat and disappeared an attempt to adapt central bank ideas on October 9. Why should he be treated to American geography and politics. It as a naughty but amiable child who is a scheme of centralized banking school after a few more days of truancy? His term ends on December 31. anyway. True, his absence is his best service as a Park Commissioner. He has the most grotesque notions of what tralized banking reserves and statuparks are for. They have needed protection against his busybody ignorance ever since he took office. The sooner he is put out the better for the parks. No doubt he has all the private virtues, but he has deserted a post he was never fit for. Put him out!

## Two Statutes.

The Supreme Court of New Jersey has done a valuable public service in declaring unconstitutional the State statute of 1911 "for the sterilization of feeble minded (includ ing idiots, imbeciles and morons), epileptics, rapists, certain criminals and other defectives." Founded on the importance of heredity, the act put it into the hands of a board consisting of a surgeon, a neurologist and the State Commissioner of Charities and Correction, except in the case of criminals convicted of rape, to decide, in conjunction with the chief physician of the institution in which the defectives are confined, to whom of the inmates the

penalty shall be applied. Considering how almost ludicrously contradictory "expert opinion" is, this not to be allowed to deposit any part enactment of a theory whose working of their reserves outside the regional out would be practically left to a surgeon banks no useful purpose is served in and a neurologist was extraordinary, retaining the reserve classification. However excellent the intentions of the, The point is worth making because it Legislature and of the sages who try to leads to the further conclusion that be wiser than Nature, the power conferred by the act was evidently danger. varying reserve requirements on .nemous. How far, unchecked, would this experimental disposition of a humanitarian majority go?

know that on April 16, 1912, the stat- the present central reserve cities to ute book of this State was enriched hold 18 per cent. reserves against dewith substantially the same measure; posits while the present country banks that New York has a board of examin- will be obliged to have only 12 per ers, consisting of a surgeon, a neurolo- cent. reserves. Ideal legislation would gist and a practitioner of medicine, who merely embody sound banking tradition get \$10 a day and necessary travelling in exacting large reserves of the reexpenses while on duty, their duty be- gional central banks, while the system

"To examine into the mental and physical condition and the record and the family history of the feeble minded, epileptic, criminal and other defective inmates confined in the several State hospitals for the nsane, State prisons, reformatories and sate, and if in the opinion of said hard procreation by any such person

thereby, then said board shall appoint one of its members to perform such operation for the prevention of procreation as shall be decided by said board to be most effective.

The "judgment," the infallible "judgment" of two experts! We commend this statute to the consideration of citizens who are not aware of the robust march of "progress."

The Sacred Mail Schedules. In opposition to a plan for the promotion of safety in the streets, the

Second Assistant Postmaster-General, 25 JOSEPH STEWART, protests in this fash-THE EVENING SUN, Per Year .......... 2 50 | ion against the proposed withdrawal of special privileges from the United States automobile mail vans: "Our schedules are based on the closing

ime of the mails, with a reasonable run-

schedules if mail wagons are subjected traffic.

Before the motor vans were put in satisfactorily maintained, and nobody to the same extent lessen their facilicomplained of the service except when it became notoriously inefficient.

Since they have been employed they have been run as recklessly while light as when loaded with mail matter. What has happened since the substi tution of mechanical for horse power to make necessary reckless driving, violation of traffic regulations, disregard of the rules of the road and a general contempt for public safety on the part of contractors in the employ of the United States Government?

### Certain Conflicting Ambitions.

There is no cause for alarm in the reported ambition of the State authorities to outdo the District Attorney of New York county in the hunt for corruptionists that is now engaging public attention and, if report is founded on fact, causing certain emipeut citizens to wish that the prisons of the State were more comfortable.

In the present state of popular sus picion the possibility that the conflicting aspirations of the various officers essential facts is so remote that it may be disregarded.

When the inquiry is ended and th esults are known honest men will have no doubt to whom the rewards should go. At present they are not concerned over the distribution of credit marks. They want to know where and of how much consequence is the fire that has produced so much smoke.

### Reserve Requirements in the Currency Bill.

The currency bill passed by the House f Representatives, which has formed the basis of the labors of the Senate committee, is in several respects materially defective on the banking side. One bony structure of the bill, is its anommember banks in the regional reserve

by the Administration for the vertebral siderable of its savor has been column of the new banking system, is ciple of mobilizing reserves for their more effective employment, but there is a scientific incompatibility between centory reserve requirements imposed on all banks.

In central banking countries, from which legislative endeavor at Washington is seeking to borrow experience and adapt it to American needs and customs, it is not on law but on sound practice that the maintenance of adequate reserves depends. The ultimate reserves are held by the central banks and are kept at a high ratio of proportion to central bank liabilities. For the rest, the banks of any given country count as practically their whole reserve whatever balances they have in the central bank and keep cash on hand only to such an amount as experience teaches to be necessary. Centralized banking works away from and not toward the statutory reserve idea.

An absurdity in the House currency bill is its retention of the central re serve city, reserve city and country bank classification. One of the purposes of the new legislation is to end the redepositing of reserves which has been held to account for many evils, real or imaginary. When banks are there is no valid reason for imposing ber banks in the association.

There is not a convincing argument which can be advanced, for example, How many citizens of New York in behalf of compelling the banks in of independent banking reserves which has been a bane, scientifically speaking, would not receive the recognition

of any statutory requirement at all. In shifting from one system to another allowance must probably be charitable and penal institutions in the made for the conditions resulting from decades of legal reserve restrictions the White House to ask Andrew Jackenforced on all national banks. At the son to make him Envoy Extraordinary would produce children with an inherited same time it would be sensible, in mak- and Minister Plenipotentiary at the tendency to crime, insanity, feeble mind- ing the transition, to bring the new sys- Court of St. James's, but was persuaded tem more into accord with the princito go away, proud and happy, with a mean by "flery persimmon red"? Are you loksuch person so examined will improve to ple of centralized banking and raise pair of Old Hickory's old breeches. such an extent as to render procreation the reserve requirements for the reby any such person advisable, or if the gional banks above the ratio of 33 1-3

for member banks. Yet if 12 per cent. is regarded as enough reserve for the present country banks, there is absolutely no sense in compelling the banks of Chicago, St. Louis and New York, the present central reserve cities, to hold larger percentages.

Regard for every principle of sound banking looks less to the cash reserves of a bank which does not hold the reserves of other banks than to the liquid character of its other resources, chiefly its portfolio of commercial bills. There would be good hard sense in making the reserve requirements lighter for the banks of Chicago, St. Louis and New York and for the banks in other large cities than for the banks elsewhere situated. Granted -able management, body else. the banks in the larger cities will be invariably found to have the most liquid assets, the paper and securities most readily convertible into forms of hold larger reserves than are required of other banks will be to place them at operation the mail schedules were an unmerited disadvantage which will ties for accommodating the commerce of the country, although the better accommodation of the country's commerce is one of the principal objects of the new legislation

This subject has not been at all sufficiently developed in the examination to which the House bill has been subjected either at Washington or throughout the country. Unless the anomalies centralized banking system are made less striking the smooth and satisfactory operation of the new system will be seriously hampered. The attention which the Senate committee is this week giving to the reserve provisions is belated but promising.

### Toledo Falls.

To the tenacity of its job holders, the complications of a bitter religious controversy, the failure of its city officials to enroll it at the head of the list of towns enjoying the blessings of another frame of government, to racial jealousy to any and all of these the downfall of Toledo, Ohio, from the virtuous neights of a city enjoying "independent" administration to the machine rule of Republicans may be attributed. Half a generation ago Golden Rule Joxes lifted it from partisanship and started it on the career which was ended by the elections of this month. It is not a bad record; the tales of most nonpartisan

novements are far briefer. Perhaps Toledo has not actually fallen. It is possible that its nonpartisanship grew threadbare, and deserved to be cast aside. The Republican rule that succeeds it may not be as black as the uninformed will fear. A housecleaning once in a while is not altogether unnecessary, even when the rooms are occupied by reformers. Much defect, which weakens substantially of the good that Golden Rule Jones and what President Wilson has called the Brand Whitlock were able to do will survive. The city will stay on the map alous provision for the reserves of and when the Republican administration passes the limit of bearable abuse it will be thrown out, just as a nonpar Now the regional bank plan, adopted tisanship that seems to have lost con-

## Sport in the Bay State

Everybody is eating venison in Mas for deer; and there are almost as many sportsmen in the woods as trees. As for the deer, they don't know what to make of the din of exploding cart ridges, for they have been lying down in the fields with the cattle, drinking from the same spring, eating mush i from the same trough and playing with they are to-day, but the from the same trough and playing with plays were much better. July celebration begins the day before the great day in every well regulated community, that is to say in most com munities, so the open season for deer in Massachusetts began with the popping of rifles on Sunday, sunrise on Monday being the legal start.

Returns for the first twenty-four hours of slaughter showed that not even the cradle was spared. Thus a bold nimred of Monson shot a doe of seventy-five pounds to pieces, but he was hard pressed by a neighbor, who took the life of a female of eighty pounds. A Pittsfield dentist slew a seventy-five pound doe. In Hartsbrook a man clubbed to death a deer that had the temerity to run at him-probably to eat out of his hand. Deer with a leg dangling after running through fusillades were sometimes reported. A fair lady of Berkshire killed a doe in the lot back of her house: it came to get bread and she gave it buckshot.

There were disputes about the owner ship of deer riddled by converging sportsmen. Careless deer were exterminated from automobiles. A man wounded a buck and followed it for miles, only to find that a connoisseur had cut off the head for its horns and left the carcass. At last accounts the Wilbraham Mountain 500 pound buck that bears a charmed life every open season was still at large. The "sport" will be kept up until Saturday night. when the deer and their progeny will be permitted to mingle with the cattle

Can it be true that to Protempore Pin-DELL, whose far resounding name is to be sent to the Senate to-day, had been offered in vain a collectorship of internal revenue and a postmastership before it was resolved in the councils of arcane wisdom to ship him abroad for a

season to dazzle the Muscovites? If true it be, how different is Protempore PINDELL's fortune from that of that other Democratic patriot who came to

The shade of Plato smiles proudly on physical or mental condition of any such per cent, proposed in the House bill the Hon. WILLIAM BARNES, the other

nose Socrates. Yet isn't there a quizzlcal twinkle in Plato's eyes? He can't help noticing how reluctant and un-socratic is WILLIAM Ho Albanos about taking the figurative hemlock.

Mr. FRANK P. GLASS, the Birmingham editor who has received an appoint-ment of United States Senator from Governor O'NEAL of Alabama, may not be able to get into the club, but to the end of his days neighbors will call him Senator. All civic and military titles that the language of compliment can tag a man with are good for life in the

The paying of taxes has hitherto been regarded as a patriotic privilege.—St. Louis Globe Democrat. Has it? A good many patriots are

willing to leave that privilege to some

So much is heard nowadays of the physical degeneration of the English people that the uncanny "grit" shown the British army officers at the cash at need. To oblige the banks in Horse Show seems like the rudest kind New York, St. Louis and Chicago to of intrusion upon established fact. RICHARDSON mean by hobbling into the arena on crutches to be lifted to a horse's back for the purpose of jumping hurdles without the aid of stirrups Captain H. B. PARKER's collarbone is also too much in evidence to please the diagnosticians. His horse throws him and rolls over, flattening him out. "My collorbone," says the Captain as omes to, "is broken again. As it has been broken so often I know how it eels." Are these gentlemen types of British officers, or merely abnormal?

> With all its faults New York has a good leal of the Kansas City spirit.—Kansas City Journal. Like all modest folk we dislike to be praised to our face.

> More than 1,000 women pleaded with he aviator CHEVILLARD at Buc on Tuesday to be allowed to loop the loop when he performed that daring feat in his monoplane. Probably no woman would venture to try the trick herself; but to be by a man's side when he does it and to trust in his skill and courage that is another thing. It is a theme for psychologists and the "militants."

> The restoration of Yale and Harvard ripples to the football squad, when a ertified physician would order them o the hospital and put them in splints, or enjoin indefinite rest, speaks volumes for the power of the trainers as natural healers. These gentlemen must be anatomists of the first order, abnormally gifted in bone setting, joint and socket fitting, and muscle stretching. All the credit of victories on the gridiron, moral and otherwise, should not be given to PERCY HAUGHTON HOWARD JONES.

#### ON THE OMNIBUS STEP. Joy Rider of the Olden Time Always Preferred the Rear of the Stage.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The Mr. James P. Norton in THE SUN brings to me remembrances of happy ex-periences of early New York days when Broadway was paved with cobbiestones and the people rode in "stages," as they were called, instead of in cars.

In those days I lived in my father's way, and often, on fine summer and au-tumn evenings, after a 6 o'clock dinner, started out for the Mercantile Library in Astor place to get a new book or do some reading, for I was an omnivorous reader, and my favorite method of getting there to take a seat on the bottom step at rear of a stage at the corner of Bleecker street and Broadway and have

joy ride to Astor place.

Broadway was not crowded in the evelas follows nings then, because the locality was pretty far uptown and many people were at dinner, few vehicles were on the street, were good natured, and the rides on the annibus step were very enjoyable more so I think than any I have taken

New York in those days was a much dirtier city than it is now, and the ods of selling milk, collecting garbage, paving and cleaning streets, removing snow, &c., were vastly inferior to what they are to-day, but the actors and the

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## The Park Board.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Hav ing had a fairly intimate knowledge the actions of the Park Board for last few years, I think I am in a position say that there has never in the history of the board when there existed such harmony among its member as during the last four years. It has been stated that there was

tion in the Park Board, which might have accounted for Mr. Stover's absence. To nybody with the slightest knowledge of the facts the assertion is utterly He was always treated with exceptional courtesy and politeness by his associates up to and including the last day of his appearance at a board meeting Better reasons for his disappearance must

Another matter upon which the public at large and even many newspapers ap pear to be misinformed is that the Com missionership of Manhattan necesarily carries the presidency of the board with t. Reference to the Charter will show that the Mayor is required to designate specifically which of the Commissioners is to act in that capacity and may change that designation at any time and as often as he desires. Therefore the designation of Commissioner Kennedy as president in the absence of the former president makes and not acting, president of the board until such time as the Mayor redesignates Mr. Stover or any othe act as president. PERIPATETIC. NEW YORK, November 19.

Another Experience of Inaccessibility TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: You

directly to the President the same reason that the delegate of the Hawaiian sugar interests, who had travelled six thousand miles to present their claim to consideration, did not succeed in presenting it. He was refused an audience by Mr. Wilson: "I have heard all I care to hear

on the sugar question The theorists who are running this Government must have their day, thanks BROOKLYN, November 19.

The Automobile's Side.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Mr. 'Fairplay" is right. The driver of any horse, automobile or street car, or ever a bicycle, can kill a fool every two minutes in New York without half trying. LICENSE No. 15699 NEW YORK, November 19.

Sobriety of Georgia Opon TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I ask you this color in the glare of a fat pine torch on a ossum hunt, for surely my lord the sun never sheld a persimmon thus it up.

C. R. CARROC.

person will be substantially improved while lowering the minimum prescribed most illustrious disciple of Old Snub- A RUSSIAN WOMAN PROTESTS. American Opinion of Her Country Largely The Based Upon Misrepresentation.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: have been noticing for some time have been noticing for some time the charges made against my country by the American press on account of the Bellis trial, which, after all, was brought to a happy issue. It seems to me that acquittal in this case demonstrates the high impartiality of the jury engaged and of the Russian people in general, as the case was certainly very complicated and not easy to disentangle. As to the long imprisonment grisvance, we sil know and not easy to disentangie. As to the long imprisonment grievance, we all know that the wheels of justice move slowly. Let me remind you of the recent trial of Mrs. Eaton, who was, as I believe, arrested in March and brought to trial in October, on a far less difficult charge.

Now let me ask why is it Russia is assailed so vehemently and nobody defends her? It is simply because in this country very few people know anything country very few people know about Russia except what is sensational and misleading. I am sure if the American people took the trouble to learn more of that much abused country they would said that things are not half so black of that much abused country they would find that things are not half so black as they are painted. They would find that Russia is not less civilized than the United States; that there is no more brutality over there than in this country; people live in very much the same there as in the States, and that is more resemblance between there is more resemblance between Russian and American life and character than between the life and character of Russia and her European neighbors. We in Russia are eager to learn all we an about the States and the American

would be right to reciprocate in some measure at least and try to learn whi Russia really is instead of going by whi she is represented to be? A Russian Woman. Pittsburg, November 19.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS. Letter Attributed to the Provisions

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I wrote several weeks ago to the President of Mexico, askin im to protect American investments in Mexi merally, so as to remove any practical reas or our intervention. Senor Huerta, in the intervals between notes to Lind, Carden, O'Shaugh tervals between notes to Lind. Carden, O'Shaugh-nessy and others, seems to have found time to smile grimly over my modest request and to insimate with Latin politeness that pots should not call kettles black. I enclose his answer. NEW YORK, November 19. ROBERT P. GREEN,

PALACIO NACIONAL, Ciudad de Mejico, November 3, 1913. Mi Querido Senor: I have receive your kind letter concerning the investacions your American friends in my country. will do what I can to oblige. But tell me, Senor Green, why does your excel-lent Senor President go so far away from home to protect American investacions He has not, perhaps, enough to do in his own most magnificent country?

I have read in your own newspapers which come to our capital that many persons make severe war on business in your country and your Senor President top them not at all. Even, the Honorable his own Administracion is maken business: I speak of the post department, which has introduce parcel post and which pay not the railroads for carry the great weight additional—then it is the Administracion President Wilson ten million dollar, which

Some of my countrymen have invest oney in American railroads, and they bad feeling that they are cheat by this arrangement in your country. have now select my personal, specia represent to come to your Senor Presiden and say "Resignacion, sir, when we lose our invest by your Government? Busi ness it is business." HUERTA.

## HEN LABOR.

A Jersey Oviculturist Registers Some Vital Figures.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNeditorial "Eggs Are Eggs" is interesting and based on actual facts. As the owner of about seventy-five laying hens I am in a position to furnish a few facts as the cost of egg production. were raised this year, so the entire cost of feeding is charged against the laying hens The production and cost this year wer

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January		. 386	\$0.31
February		. 462	.26
March		. 896	.13
April		.1003	.12
May			.15
June		731	16
July		. 614	.20
August		. 487	.25
September		. 245	.50
October			.83
November (to 16th)			1.67
December			.67
mi			the woon

The average cost of eggs for the balance of November and Decembe Let no person, however, flatter himself that he can purchase newly laid eggs at any price anywhere during the months of october and November

CHARLES D. SHULDHAM.
MAPLEWOOD, N. J., November 19.

## Polly Dey and Her Shaws.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: rticle "Old Rope Walk Recalled" in THE SUNDAY SUN has a human interest v was not adverted to. Mary Shaw, or Polly Dey, as she was known before her marriage to David Shaw, left New York with her husband and family some before the evacuation in 1783. Her hus-band, David Shaw, was the son of the Rev. Lachlan Shaw, known as "The His-

orian of Moray." Shaw came to New York in 1759 and engaged in business, his store being opposite the Fly Market. In due course he married Mary or Polly, daughter of Dirck Dey, and by her had two sons and two daughters. Lachlan, their eldest son, was drowned: William became a lieutenant in the royal navy: Marion married, first Captain Sir Jacob Wheate, R. N., and second, Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander Cochrane, sixth son of the eighth Earl of Dundonald; Janet married Wilkes, nephew of the famous John Wilkes. whose three daughters married Lord Jeffrey David Shaw was treasurer of St. An-

rew's Society from 1761 to 1765. New York, November 19. W. M. M.

Indians and Regulars in Football.

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The Indians may be showing the way, but haven't you noticed that the open game

doesn't seem to be at all successful be tween or against the teams which year after year are the really good, well coached ones; that is Harvard, Yale and Princeton? The records show that in the long run the Indians have never been successful against those three. Of course there are freak games, but by and large Haughton, Jones and Hart with a lot of twenty year old students certainly do produce the winners. HENRY HIRAM HOPKINS.

## PHILADELPHIA, November 19.

Ask Teacher. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Upor what ground do we justify our dictator-ship over Mexican affairs? I am asking from no other cause than a lesire to know E. H. JAMES. NEW YORK, November 19.

## A Dirigo Altruist Out Head correspondence Rockland Courier-Gazette. The old black cat at Rose Hill Farm has

a litter of nearly full grown kittens, seven of them, and she searches the barn, the fields and the woods for rats and mice, birds and squirrels to feed them on. ently she came from the woods lugging a plump partridge. Her progeny gathered around her, anxious to get a bite of the fat bird. But the cat kindly gave up the partridge to the cook who dressed it and it formed an important part of the family's Sunday dinner.

SAVING LIFE AT SEA.

Part the Automatic Tension Engine

Plays in the Work of Rescue. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I read in THE SUN of November 16 the descrip-tion of my life line gun, illustrated by Mr. Spencer Miller's marine breeches buoy apparatus, in operation between a rescuing hip and a wreck at sea. I wish to compliment you upon the splendid illustra-tions and in general on the data and description. It is unfortunate, however, that you did not have room to give more of a description of Mr. Miller's patent automatic tension engine, which makes it possible, after a line has been fired, to maintain a cable between the two ships over which the breeches buoy may be operated without the slightest danger of

the line snapping.

I believe any layman can realize that times at the same time and sometimes one ship going up while the other goe down on a wave, make a pretty severe test of any cable. In fact, in any sea at all no cable can stand without the of this automatic tension engine, which takes up and pays out the cable whenever the tension in the line is decreased or increased by the movement of the ves-

This automatic tension engine, like the ine firing gun, is in no sense an experiment. It has been adopted by the United States revenue cutter service and is in use by the United States navy for coaling

It will greatly interest seafaring men to know how the breeches buoy can be operated under actual conditions of a heavy storm. Capt. Inch, I believe, was entirely ignorant of this automatic ten-sion engine as well as of the line firing gun, and so stated to one of the naval architects to whom he talked after he arrived in New York.

FRANCIS GRANGER HALL, Jr. DANSVILLE, November 19.

### TO DAM THE GRAND CANYON, Would It Mean More Than the Completion of the Panama Canal?

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: article in The Sun advocating the im-pounding of the waters of the Colorado River within the confines of the Grand Canyon of Arizona may seem like a pipe There are two kinds of land, as it in the great Southwest, the same, more or less, as to soil constituents, but not or less, as to soil constituents, but not

same as to location in the sense of being "above" or "below the ditch." ture the land must have, and if the clouds give too scanty a rainfall the land, if the rainfall be under ten inches, may be rerarded as desert land. If ten to twenty inches of rain prevails during a season, through deep ploughing, surface mulching and summer fallowing, one crop in two years, phenomenal yields are made, even as high as sixty bushels of wheat to the acre in Montana. Our national average but fifteen bushels.

The area of arable semi-arid possible

dry farming lands adjacent to and between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific coast is estimated to be from 300,000,000 to 600,000,000 acres. A rough estimate has been made showing that the irrigation area and the dry arming area are as 5 to 95, the semi-arid

ection greatly prepondering.

The old rule holds also with irrigation that it is never the use of a good thing that hurts, but the abuse of it. So when the irrigationist learns how to use less, ar less, water on his lands, preventing and avoiding the washing of the plant food too far below root influence, and combines dry farming cultivation, he'll approach, nearer to nature, way, of doing broach nearer to nature's way of doing things, and while the crop may not be so rank and bountiful the quality of grain and fruits will be far superior, surpassing

appealed to when utilitarianism steps and the draining of the Grand Cany in and the draining of the Grand Canyon is suggested. But let us remember that the canyon is from 5,000 to 7,000 feet deep, and that a dam of 300 feet, for instance, would result in impounding a lake of water that when looked on from above ould appear as a river flowing through e depths nearly a mile below. To dam the depths nearly a mile below. To dam the canyon to the brim and bury its beauties, like unto the Philie of the dammed Nile, is not to be thought of, for a score of reasons. In fact a 300 foot dam filled to the surface in the great gorge would to the surface in the great gorge would to be surface in the great gorge would to be surface in the great gorge would be probable to the surface in the great gorge would be probable to the surface in the great gorge would be probable to the surface in the great gorge would be probable to the surface in the great gorge. reasons. In fact a 300 foot dain fined in the surface in the great gorge would ardly be scenically disturbing and noticed. Yet it would mean a lake 200 miles long, more or less, and varying from a cudgels against him, and his end long, more or less, and varying from a ouple of miles to five, perhaps ten miles in width, depending upon the area and formation of the gorge 300 feet up. Where the canyon was 7,000 feet deep the tourist would yet have 6,700 feet of scenic rock exposure to gaze upon before the expanse of silvery dam water was greeted by the eye.

The Southwest needs irrigation and

could stand fifty to one hundred times what it is receiving to-day and yet have more lands thirsting for the germination nducing waters.

If the closure of the Grand Canyon If the closure of the Grand Canyon gorge and the impounding of the mighty waters of the Colorado River within its conduct would irrigate enough land, as is Trades Council of New York city onfines would irrigate enough land, as is Thomas C. Fitzgerald, estimated, to double the present food sup-ply of the United States, there are some the labor representatives who at big figures ahead of the man with the sta-big figures ahead of the man with the sta-istical pencil, and when they were worked out the financial aspect of the Panama out the financial aspect of the Panama anal comparatively would be infinites-It is by no means an idle dream, this

impounding of the waters of the Colo-rado. The thirsty land needs the water and the nation needs the food that would ome from those lands, and that need does not lessen as the days roll by. All of insurance: one, through a State we have comes from the earth, and the two, mutual companies; three, or only way to better things is through brainler farming, to get more from the same acre of land, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 bush els of wheat from an acre where to-day we are getting but 15 on an average. And the same all along the line. The soil is willing to do better by us if we

It is said the engineering problems in volved in solidly choking up 300 feet of the Grand Canyon gorge are child's play compared with the Culebra slides and al else of the Panama Canal, to say of the sanitation problems. Ex-Secre-tary Wilson predicted that the great plains of the Southwest were to feed the East, and whether he foresaw the damming of the Grand Canyon or not 1 do structed and spreading its waters far and tary motto for New York families wide over the thirsty, fruitful earth the very deserts themselves, now blistering child." very deserts themselves, now blistering child."

stretches of sand, will be turned into veritable cornucopialike cases of plenty.

value and that milk is expectably value and that milk is expectably. Let the Government engineers 'ook over the outlet to the Grand Canyon gorge and report.

Charles Cristadoro.

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POINT LOMA, Cal., November 13.

## The Universal Shakespeare

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: What is all this talk about appendicitis being a new and fashionable disease? Turn to Shakespeare, as usual, and find what he records. In "Taming of the Shrew," Act TY., Scene 4, Biondella says:

"My master hath appointed me to go to public will be welcon ing on November 2 to come against you come with your appendix."

FRANK W. HOYT.

an address by Dr. Public will be welcon ing on November 2 to come against you come with your appendix."

New York's Varie

### MONTCLAIR, N. J., November 19. Butting In.

From the Pittsburg Post While walking down the street one day I heard a damsel squeal. I ried to stop the runsway And spoiled a lengthy riel.

I asw a brutal fellow shove A child beneath a van. I saved her, to the horror of The moving picture man.

At every turn you may invade
The moving picture realm.
Let others ply the hero's trade;
Den't but inte a film.

# **REPUBLICANS PLAN** LIBERAL REFORMS

Statewide Conference Will Re Held at the Waldorf on December 5.

ISSUES CALL

Programme Includes Direct Pri. mary and Other Progressive Legislation.

The statewide conference of Republi. ane, called for December 5 at the Wat. dorf, will be decidedly liberal, not to say progressive. Friends of William Barnes, Republican State chairman, who has mapped out the programme for the con ference, said yesterday that the Repub icans will consider legislation covering workmen's compensation, ballot reform

and direct primaries. Mr. Barnes sent out calls for the mee ng last Saturday. The letters were signed Elihu Root, William M. Calder, M. Barnes and other Republicans of nence in the affairs of the narty It is expected that the elected Republican Assemblymen, the S Senators and about 600 other Remi cans will be on hand. Aside from laving out a legislative programme Mr. Barnes expects that the conference will mean the solidifying of Republican sentiment

throughout the State.

In a way also it is Mr. Barnes's pe sonal answer to his critics. The lit character of the reforms which the publicans will fix upon will be aime those members of the party who as that progress is impossible under the ership of Mr. Barnes. Furthermore ership of Mr. Barnes. Furthermore no-tice will be served on the Progressive that Mr. Barnes is not a reactionary is bent on sound liberalism. An is bent on sound liberalism. Anyhow that is the impression which this list of reforms is designed to give:

A workingmen's compensation accordance with the recently a the recently approved amendment to the State Constitut law, it is understood, will be fra along lines which Col. Theodore 10 veit himself has mapped out. sumption of the scheme by the licans is held to be consistent wit previous record and with Judge Wer decision in the Ives case, because coming session of the Legislature wi the first at which so sweeping a be enacted under the Constitution A direct primary law of the

troduced at the last session of the Leg lature by the Republican members pro viding for the direct nomination of al officers short of State officers taining the State convention. The Republicans do not believe that the Stat convention should go, but want the present cumbersome and ineffective method of nomination superseded by a direct primary law which is direct in other thing

A law changing the ballot along the lines of the Massachusetts ballot. There is still difference of opinion among the Republicans as to the wisdom of taking the entire Massachusetts scheme for this State with its large foreign popu

While the conference is going on the Waldorf the Republican State co-mittee will hold a session, probably the Republican Club, to consider ways meeting the indebtedness of the comm Mr. Barnes has made his personal for about \$40,000 and there are otes other debts of the committee which or to be paid. The fact of this indebted to Mr. Barnes has been one of the reasons why his enemies in the Star ganization have not made a direct of his tenure of office. They haven

how they could put down Mr. I without paying him the party debts

haven't found a successor.

### COMPENSATION BILL IS NEARER. Gov. Glynn Is Hopeful After Meeting With Labor Men

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 19.—Gov. after a conference to-day with representatives and the heads State Insurance Department inducing waters.
To dam the Grand Canyon would mean
100 times more value to the agriculture
of the Southwest than the completion of
the Panama Canal to the shipping world
at large. Judge John T.

> this subject from the Governor's point and to-morrow will meet wit Cummings and the representatives State Insurance Department to di bill which Gov. Glynn feels certai

The bill will provide for four companies, and four, self insurathe corporation itself.

It will be provided that all neg damage awards on claims, including made by casualty companies, must be approved by the State Board dustrial Insurance, which will of the serious objections to the

### MILK DIET FOR NEW YORKERS nothing Columbia Professor Advises at Least a Quart a Day.

his lecture on food of Natural History, Prof. H. C of Columbia University said the

To Dedicate Y. W. C. A. Residence. The Young Women's Christia tion will dedicate its new associadence, the Harriet Judson, at street, Brooklyn, to-morrow after 3 o'clock. The programme will

an address by Dr. Lyman Abb

ing on November 24, 25 and 26 New York's Varied Mineral Industry From the Engineering and Mining portant than is commonly supp correspondent, and I would enfact that New York and New bined, with an area of 55,000 s make annually an output of ucts exceeding in tonnage and California with an area of miles. Furthermore. New 1

including well established busine gypoum, tale, graphite, iron ore. petroseum